



## TOWN OF FREETOWN

### WARRANT

FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018 – 7:00 P.M. FREETOWN  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
43 BULLOCK ROAD, EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

Bristol, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Freetown, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Freetown who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Freetown Elementary School, Auditorium, 43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts, on Monday October 15, 2018, at 7:00 P.M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to supplement the amount raised from Water-Sewer Enterprise Revenues for FY19, previously approved by the vote taken under Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 4, 2018 continued to June 5, 2018, by transferring from FY 19 Water-Sewer Enterprise Revenues the sum of Four Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars (\$4,648) to be allocated to the general fund for the purpose of funding increases in indirect costs previously appropriated in the Omnibus Budget by the vote taken under Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 4, 2018 continued to June 5, 2018, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of Article:** A formal indirect cost allocation plan was adopted by the Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. The enterprise fund needs to reimburse the general fund for all of the indirect costs associated with operating the department. The amount listed below as current calculation is based on the FY19 budget and the amount listed as original is based on the FY18 budget. The values now need to be updated with the adoption of the FY19 budget and a supplement of \$4,648 is needed.

**Indirect Costs (in the general fund):**

	Original	Current Calculation	Amount to Supplement
Finance	\$ 20,947	\$ 19,855	\$ ( 1,092)
Utilities	\$ 1,046	\$ 971	\$ ( 75)
IT service	\$ 956	\$ 1,268	\$ 312
Insurance	\$ 28,087	\$ 26,150	\$ ( 1,937)
Retirement	\$ 18,650	\$ 24,758	\$ 6,108
Gen'l Admin	\$ 5,659	\$ 7,191	\$ 1,532
Less Int Credit	\$ - 200	\$ - 400	\$ ( - 200)
Subtotal	\$ 75,145	\$ 79,793	\$ 4,648

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Seven dollars (\$1,727.00) to supplement the personnel costs contained in the Board of Selectmen budget as appropriated in the Omnibus Budget by the vote taken under Article 1 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 4, 2018 continued to June 5, 2018 for Fiscal Year 2019, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** Salary Adjustment of Administrative assistant which includes longevity.

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$11,638.13) to pay a bill from FY18 from Republic Services, LLC due to unexpected increases in costs in recycling collection and disposal, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Derek Macedo, Board of Health Agent

Requires 9/10 Vote

***Explanation of article:*** Money is needed to pay prior year fiscal bill to Republic Services for recycling disposal they took on with the abrupt closure of our contracted recycling plant.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to supplement the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget for curbside trash and recycling, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Derek Macedo, Board of Health Agent

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** Money is needed to supplement the drastic change in recycling costs from FY 2018 to FY 2019. At time of determining the FY19 budget, we did not have an accurate number that we could use to budget properly.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to grind the brush pile at the Transfer Station, and/or take any relative action thereto.

Submitted by Derek Macedo, Board of Health Agent

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** Money is needed to hire a contractor to grind the extremely large brush pile at the Transfer Station. The past March storms have made the pile much larger than can be handled with a wood chipper, and the previous inspection noted removal of the brush as a priority.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000.00) to purchase and install a new auto lift for the Town Barn to replace the 1986 lift that is presently out of service, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Highway Surveyor

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** The current lift failed two safety inspections in August. Given its age, the cost to repair the lift is not reasonable compared with the price of a new lift.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding and implementing the first year cost items contained in a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA, (Freetown Public Safety Dispatchers Union) covering the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 and to supplement the FY 2019 annual operating budget in the amounts and categories presented in the supplementary schedules, as on file with the Town Clerk, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** The article will transfer from available funds to supplement the departmental budget as indicated in the supplementary schedules on file with the Town clerk's office.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding and implementing the first year cost items contained in a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA, (Freetown Highway Union - Unit B) covering the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 and to supplement the FY 2019 annual operating budget in the amounts and categories presented in the supplementary schedules, as on file with the Town Clerk, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** The article will transfer from available funds to supplement the departmental budget as indicated in the supplementary schedules on file with the Town clerk's office.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding and implementing the first year cost items contained in a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Town of Freetown and Public Employees Union, Local 1144, LIUNA (Freetown Town Hall - Unit A) covering the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 and to supplement the FY 2019 annual operating budget in the amounts and categories presented in the supplementary schedules, as on file with the Town Clerk, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** The article will transfer from available funds to supplement the departmental budget as indicated in the supplementary schedules on file with the Town clerk's office.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of funding and implementing the first year cost items contained in a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Town of Freetown and Freetown Full-Time Firefighters Association covering the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021 and to supplement the FY 2019 annual operating budget in the amounts and categories presented in the supplementary schedules, as on file with the Town Clerk, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** The article will transfer from available funds to supplement the departmental budget as indicated in the supplementary schedules on file with the Town clerk's office.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadways known as Nick Drive, Cody Drive, Ethan Circle and Rylee Circle as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on a plan entitled "As-Built & Profile Plan of Nick Drive, Cody Drive", dated April 25, 2018 and revised on June 19, 2018, prepared by Halnon Land Surveying, Inc., a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, the fee or lesser interests in said roadway and any drainage, utility, access and other easements related thereto, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** This Article will allow Nick Drive, Cody Drive, Ethan Circle and Rylee Circle to be accepted as a Town roadway.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) for the purpose of shredding 121 boxes of records approved for destruction by the Supervisor of Public Records for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the final phase of the project for a new archival storage location, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Kimberley Fales, Town Accountant

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** A records study was completed in March 2017 by King Information Systems (KIS) and in August 2018 KIS completed the following: all of the records in the basement of the town hall were reviewed, re-boxed and moved to the new shelving in the old school house, and added to the archival database. Any paper that did not need to be retained was recycled and what remained were 121 boxes of records that needed approval for destruction. Approval has been granted and this appropriation would be used to have a service provider come to the town hall to pick up the records and shred them offsite.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase equipment and supplies necessary to comply with the implementation of OSHA Safety Requirements which will go into effect in February 1, 2019; or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Administrator

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** This will allow the Town to purchase OSHA compliant equipment for all town buildings. The Town needs to be complaint no later than February 1, 2019.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Eighty dollars and no cents (\$2,380.00), representing the Town's share of a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), to install a Diesel Exhaust Removal System for Fire Station 3, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** The fire department was awarded a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) in the amount of \$47,620.00 to install a source capture diesel exhaust removal system at Fire Station 3. The amount above reflects the town's share of 5% towards the purchase of this equipment.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$8,750.00) for the purpose of designing the façade of Fire Station 1 located at 3 Elm Street in Assonet to accommodate modern size fire apparatus, and any incidental and related costs thereto, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** Fire apparatus has significantly change in size since the time Station 1 was built. The arched apparatus bay doors are very tight for today's fire apparatus and although a commercial chassis apparatus can be designed to pass through the small opening this comes at a risk of damage to the vehicle and the building. The fire department believes that it would be more prudent to address the apparatus bay door size.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Seventeen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Three dollars and no cents (\$17,463.00), representing the Town's share of a FEMA Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, for the purpose of supplementing the personnel budget of the Fire Department to hire two (2) additional Firefighter/Paramedics, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Fire Chief Gary Silvia

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** The fire department was awarded a FEMA SAFER grant in the amount of \$258,445.00 to hire two (2) additional Firefighter/Paramedics beginning in January of 2019 to provide additional daytime staffing, when the availability of on-call personnel is limited. The amount above reflects the town's first six (6) month share of 25% towards the cost of these additional fulltime personnel.

**ARTICLE 17:**To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 4, 2018 (continued to June 5, 2018), authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enter into a tax exempt lease purchase (TELP) to acquire police cruisers by striking out the words "Ford Motor Credit Company LLC" therefrom and inserting in place thereof the following words, "All American Investment Group LLC", and/or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by Carlton E. Abbott, Jr., Chief of Police

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** Voters at the Annual Town Meeting approved Article 18 regarding the lease purchase of police cruisers through the Ford Motor Credit LLC. However, Ford Motor Credit LLC no longer finances lease purchases of non-Ford vehicles. Therefore, it is necessary to finance through All American Investment Group LLC, which currently finances police, fire, and highway vehicles.

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,082.50 in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of paying two prior fiscal year bills to be funded from the certified retained earnings of the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Water and Sewer Commissioners

Requires 9/10 Vote

**Explanation of article:** This request is to pay a prior fiscal year bill from the following:

- Environmental Partners Group, Inc. for on call engineering services; invoice dated July 13, 2018.
  - K.R. Rezendes, Inc. for water line leak test; invoice dated August 27, 2018.
- Both services were performed in June 2018.

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$36,500 in the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund for the purpose of increasing the expense budget previously voted under Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting on June 4, 2018, and continued to June 5, 2018, to be funded from the certified retained earnings of the Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Water and Sewer Commissioners

Requires Majority Vote

**Explanation of article:** This request is to increase the following line items through retained earnings in order to pay for equipment and repairs to be purchased throughout the remainder of the 2019 fiscal year.

620.4.450.5240.9007.40.00	Repair & Maintenance of Vehicle	\$3,000	Truck Light
Bars			
620.4.450.5240.9005.40.00	Repair & Main. Bldg & Grounds	\$20,000	Pump
Repair/Maint.			
620.4.450.5430.9005.40.00	Tools & Gear Equipment	\$3,500	Maint. Equip.
620.4.450.5870.9000.40.00	Replacement of Equipment	<u>\$10,000</u>	Water Meters
		<b>\$36,500</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Thousand Five hundred Ninety Seven Dollars and Twenty four Cents (\$1587.24) to pay vendor for printing and mailing an informational flyer from the Freetown Finance committee to all Freetown homes

Submitted by Petition

**Explanation:** The Finance Committee, fulfilling its responsibility to inform the voters of Freetown on matters of Town finances, produced and mailed a flyer (attached) to all homes regarding the Special Town Meeting of June 4, 2018, at which a proposal to construct a water line at a cost of \$5 million plus around \$1 million interest was to be considered. The proposal was rejected nearly unanimously. The Board of Selectmen refused to pay the vendor for their services.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11 Zoning By-laws, Section 11.26c; (Adult Retirement Community, Restrictions, Lot Size Area), by adding the sentence: “The minimum acreage for an ARC development shall be not less than five (5) acres for properties that are serviced by municipal water and/or sewer.”, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning Board

Requires 2/3 Vote

**Explanation of article:** The article would change the Adult Retirement Community Minimum Lot Size restrictions from ten (10) acres to five (5) acres for properties that are serviced by municipal water and/or sewer.

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-laws, Article 11 Zoning By-laws by changing Section 11.18 H. 1. Table of Use Regulations to allow Truck Stops by Special Permit in the Science and Technology Overlay District, and/or take any action relative thereto.

**See Proposed addition to the table of use regulations below**

Use	R	B	I	I/2	G	OSR	VR	VB	STOD
Truck Stop	N	N	SP	SP	N	N	N	N	<del>N</del> SP

Submitted by Planning Board

Required 2/3 Vote

**Explanation of article:** This article would change the current Table of Use to allow Truck Stops in the Science and Technology Overlay District (STOD) by special permit.

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Zoning Map in accordance with a list of changes as on file at the Town Clerk’s office at the Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Planning Board

Requires 2/3 Vote

**Explanation of article:** This article would primarily rezone parcels owned by the Conservation Commission, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (Freetown State Forest), and municipal water departments from their current zoning to Open Space & Recreation, in addition to other more minor amendments, all to reflect the current statuses of properties.



**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization Account in the amount of \_\_\_\_ and to the Stabilization Account in the amount of \_\_\_\_; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

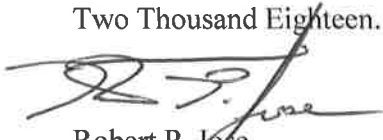
Requires Majority Vote

***Explanation of article:*** This appropriation would add funds to the Stabilization Account and/or Capital Stabilization Account for the Town to be used as a “rainy day fund” any proposed use of the fund would require a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the following places: Assonet Post Office, East Freetown Post Office, the stores of Quick Pic in East Freetown, Junior's Convenience Store and Freetown Town Hall, and the Freetown Communications Center.

Hereof, fail not and make return of the original Warrant with your doings thereon immediately after making service thereof to the Town Clerk of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Freetown, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Eighteen.



Robert P. Jose  
Chairman



Charles B. Sullivan



Lisa A. Pacheco

**FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**